

# PERIODIC TEST - 2

(Based on Units 3–4)

Time: 1 Hour

Maximum Marks: 50

## Let's Read

Read the story given below and answer the questions that follow.

It is difficult to point one society or country for the invention of the candle. The first candles may have been melting lumps of animal fat set on fire.

Archaeological evidence indicates that both the Egyptians and the Greeks in 3000 B.C.E. were probably using candles that had wicks. Many ancient cultures seem to have developed same variation of the candle. They used materials like beeswax, tallow or even the product of berries to make the wax. This surrounded a wick which was made of plant material, rolled papyrus or rolled rice paper.

Burning with a flame, candle remained useful for producing controlled artificial light for years. Candles were cheap and efficient as well as useful in creating light throughout the Middle Ages and right up to the middle of the nineteenth century when paraffin first became available and could be bought. Then, paraffin lamps began to be used in most homes later.

Nowadays, with the use of gas and electricity, candles are used only on occasions. They create a peaceful and reflective atmosphere in a religious place or in the home. You also get fragrant candles these days in special designs.

### A. Answer the following questions.

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1. What has been found about the use of candles in 3000 B.C.E?
2. Mention the materials used by ancient cultures to make wax.
3. What was used to make a wick in ancient times?
4. Why are candles used only on occasions these days?

### B. Fill in the blanks with suitable words.

(3)

1. Candles remained useful for producing \_\_\_\_\_ light for years.
2. Candles were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as well as useful in creating light throughout the Middle Ages right up to the middle of the nineteenth century.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ began to be used in most homes later.

### C. Make sentences with:

(3)

1. home \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. candle \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. wax \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Let's Write

- D. Imagine you were unwell and did not go to school that day. Describe what had happened and how you spent your day. (5)
- E. In what way did the soldier help the villagers by making the stone soup? (10)

## Grammar Spotlight

**F. Fill in the blanks with suitable pronouns. (2)**

1. Sahil called up yesterday. \_\_\_\_\_ said that \_\_\_\_\_ had invited some friends for a party.
2. Nidhi is my friend. The red scooty is \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ often go with her on that scooty.

**G. Circle the verbs and mention whether they are transitive or intransitive verbs. (2)**

1. I sent an e-mail to you. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The baby is sleeping now. \_\_\_\_\_

**H. Tick the correct verbs. (4)**

1. The children (is singing/are singing) the national anthem.
2. Sudhir (sells/sell) flowers.
3. They (are/is) going to the park this afternoon.
4. The teacher (explain/explains) the lesson clearly in the class.

**I. Underline the verbs and state whether they are in the simple present tense or the present progressive tense. (2)**

1. They are crossing the road carefully. \_\_\_\_\_
2. I write a diary entry my diary every day. \_\_\_\_\_

**J. Fill in the blanks with the correct verbs in the brackets. (5)**

The children \_\_\_\_\_ (play) in the garden. Each of them \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a ball. The dog \_\_\_\_\_ (run) after them, and they \_\_\_\_\_ (laugh) loudly. Their mother \_\_\_\_\_ (call) them inside when it \_\_\_\_\_ (get) dark.

## Literature

**K. Answer the following questions. (10)**

1. What makes Goa a perfect holiday spot?
2. Describe how the soldier convinced the villagers to help make the stone soup.
3. Name any four kinds of water sports popular in Goa.
4. What were the two conditions that Birbal desired to be fulfilled before he left for heaven?
5. Why did Emperor Akbar's father send Birbal back from heaven?